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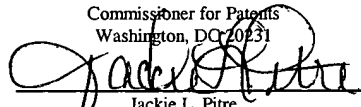
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Application No.: 09/841,000  
Filing Date: April 24, 2001  
Inventors: de Rouffignac et al.  
Title: IN SITU THERMAL  
PROCESSING OF A  
HYDROCARBON  
CONTAINING FORMATION  
TO INCREASE A  
PERMEABILITY OF THE  
FORMATION

§ Examiner: G.A. Suchfield  
§ Group/Art Unit: 3672  
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Amendment

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2201, 2240, and 5406 without prejudice.

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